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to the grievance committee of the provider's professional group for an opinion of the reasonableness of the charge. If satisfactory settlement of any claim cannot thus be made, forward all documentation to COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-333) for decision. Charges determined to be above the allowed amount or charges for unauthorized services are the responsibility of the service member.

(2) *Third party payment.* Do not withhold payment while seeking funds from health benefit plans or from insurance policies for which premiums are paid privately by service members (see § 732.22 for possible recovery of payments action).

(3) *No-fault insurance.* In States with no-fault automobile insurance requirements, adjudication authorities will notify the insurance carrier identified in item 16 of the NAVMED 6320/10 that Federal payment of the benefits in this part is secondary to any no-fault insurance coverage available to the potentially covered member.

(d) *Duplicate payments.* Adjudication authorities and disbursing activities should take precautions against duplicate payments per paragraph 046073 of the NAVCOMPTMAN.

### § 732.20 Adjudication authorities.

(a) *General.* Controlling activities for medical care in the United States are designated as "offices of medical affairs" (OMA) and for dental care, "offices of dental affairs" (ODA). NAVMEDCOMINST 6010.3 delineates responsibilities and functional tasks of OMAs and ODAs, including monthly reporting of receipt of claims and claims payment. Commanders of geographic naval medical commands must communicate with all activities in their regions to ensure that messages and medical cognizance reports are properly furnished per higher authority directives.

(b) *Within the United States (less Hawaii).* For the 48 contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, and Alaska, the following six regions are responsible for care rendered or to be rendered within their areas of responsibility.

(1) *Northeast Region.* The States of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indi-

ana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin are served by 1 ODA and 1 OMA:

(i) Responsibility for dental matters for States in the Northeast Region is vested in: Commander, Naval Medical Command, Northeast Region, Office of Dental Affairs, Great Lakes, IL 60088, Tele: (A/V) 792-3940 or (C) (312) 688-3940.

(ii) Responsibility for medical matters for States in the Northeast Region is vested in: Commander, Naval Medical Command, Northeast Region, Office of Medical Affairs, Great Lakes, IL 60088, Tele: (A/V) 792-3950 or (C) (312) 688-3950.

(2) *National Capital Region.* For the States of Maryland and West Virginia; the Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the Virginia cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax; and the District of Columbia, responsibility for medical and dental matters is vested in: Commander, Naval Medical Command, National Capital Region, Office of Medical Affairs, Bethesda, MD 20814, Tele: (A/V) 295-5322 or (C) (301) 295-5322.

(3) *Mid-Atlantic Region.* For the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and all areas of Virginia south and west of Prince William and Loudoun counties, responsibility for medical and dental matters is vested in: Commander, Naval Medical Command, Mid-Atlantic Region, 6500 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502, Attn: Office of Medical/Dental Affairs, Tele: (A/V) 565-1074/1075 or (C) (804) 445-1074 or 1075.

(4) *Southeast Region.* For the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas, medical and dental responsibilities are vested in: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Clinic, Code O1A, New Orleans, LA 70146, Tele: (A/V) 485-2406/7/8 or (C) (504) 361-2406 2407 or 2408.

(5) *Southwest Region.* For the States of Arizona and New Mexico; the counties of Kern, San Bernadino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and all other California counties south thereof; the community of Bridgeport, California (Marine Corps cold-weather training

site); and Nevada, except for NAS Fallon and its immediate area; medical and dental responsibilities are vested in: Commander, Naval Medical Command, Southwest Region, Office of Medical Affairs, San Diego, CA 92134-7000, Tele: (A/V) 987-2611 or (C) 233-2611.

(6) *Northwest Region.* The States of Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; the counties of Inyo, Kings, Tulare, and all other counties of California north thereof; and NAS Fallon, Nevada and its immediate area are served by 2 OMAs and 1 ODA:

(i) Responsibility for dental matters for the area of responsibility of the Northwest Region is vested in: Commander, Naval Medical Command, Northwest Region, Office of Dental Affairs, Oakland, CA 94267-5025, Tele: (A/V) 855-6200 or (C) (415) 633-6200.

(ii) Responsibility for medical matters for the States of Colorado, Kansas, and Utah; the California counties of Inyo, Kings, Tulare, and all other counties of California north thereof; and NAS Fallon, Nevada and its immediate area is vested in: Commander, Naval Medical Command, Northwest Region, Oakland, CA 94627-5025, Attn: Office of Medical Affairs, Tele: (A/V) 855-5705 or (C) (415) 633-5705.

(iii) Responsibility for medical matters for the States of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming is vested in: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Clinic, Naval Station, Seattle, WA 98115, Attn: Office of Medical Affairs, Tele: (A/V) 941-3823 or (C) (206) 526-3823.

(c) *Outside the United States (plus Hawaii).* For all areas outside the United States plus Hawaii, the following activities are vested with responsibility for approval or disapproval of requests and claims for maternity, medical, and dental care:

(1) Executive Director, OCHAMPUSEUR, U.S. Army Medical Command, APO New York 09102, for care rendered within the U.S. European Command, Africa, the Malagasy Republic, and the Middle East.

(2) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, FPO San Francisco 96652-1600 (U.S. Naval Hospital, Subic Bay,

Luzon, Republic of the Philippines), for care rendered in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, Sri Lanka and Taiwan.

(3) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, FPO Seattle 98765-1600 (U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan), for care rendered in Japan, Korea, and Okinawa.

(4) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, FPO San Francisco 96630-1600 (U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam, Mariana Islands), for care rendered in New Zealand and Guam.

(5) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Communications Station, FPO San Francisco 96680-1800 (U.S. Naval Communications Station, Harold E. Holt, Exmouth, Western Australia), for care rendered in Australia.

(6) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, FPO New York 09560 (U.S. Naval Air Station, Bermuda), for care rendered in Bermuda.

(7) Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, FPO Miami 34051 (U.S. Naval Hospital, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico), for maternity and medical care, and Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Dental Clinic, FPO Miami 34051 (U.S. Naval Dental Clinic, Roosevelt Roads, PR), for dental care rendered in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other Caribbean Islands.

(8) Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Clinic, Box 121, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860, for maternity and medical care, and Commanding Officer, Naval Dental Clinic, Box 111, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860, for dental care rendered in the State of Hawaii, Midway Island, and the Central Pacific basin.

(9) The OMA for either the Southeast Region or the Southwest Region for care rendered in Mexico to members stationed within the respective areas of responsibility of these OMAs. Forward claims for care rendered in Mexico to all other personnel to Commander, Naval Medical Command, Washington, DC 20372-5120 (MEDCOM-333).

(10) Commander, Naval Medical Command, Washington, DC 20372-5120 (MEDCOM-333) for inpatient and outpatient emergency and nonemergency care of active duty Navy and Marine Corps members in Canada and under

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the circumstances outlined in paragraph (d) of this section.

(1) Outside the 50 United States, commanding officers of operational units may either approve claims and direct payment by the disbursing officer serving the command or forward claims to the appropriate naval medical command in paragraphs (b)(1) through (c)(9) of this section. This is a local policy decision to enhance the maintenance of good public relations.

(12) The appropriate command in paragraphs (b)(1) through (c)(9) of this section for care rendered aboard commercial vessels en route to a location within the geographic areas listed.

(13) The commanding officer authorizing care in geographical areas not specifically delineated elsewhere in this section.

(d) *The Commander, Naval Medical Command (MEDCOM-333), Navy Department, Washington, DC 20372-5120.* Under the following circumstances, responsibility is vested in COMNAVMEDCOM for adjudication of claims:

(1) For reservists who receive treatment after completion of their active duty or inactive duty training as prescribed in §732.12(b).

(2) For care rendered in Mexico to personnel stationed outside the areas of responsibility of the Southeast and Southwest Regions.

(3) For care rendered to members stationed in or passing through countries in Central and South America.

(4) For outpatient care rendered NATO active duty members.

(5) When Departmental level review is required prior to approval, adjudication, or payment. These claims:

(i) Will be considered on appeal.

(ii) Must be forwarded by the member through the adjudication authority chain of command (In instances of unusual or controversial denial of claims, the adjudication authority may forward claims to COMNAVMEDCOM on appeal, via the chain of command, with notification to the member.).

(6) For all inpatient and outpatient care of active duty Navy and Marine Corps members stationed in the United States who receive care in Canada.

### § 732.21 Medical board.

When adjudication authorities uncover conditions which may be chronic or otherwise potentially disabling, they should make a determination (with help from appropriate clinical specialists) as to the need for a medical board. Chapter 18 of MANMED and Medical Disposition and Physical Standards Notes, available from COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-25), provide guidance.

(a) Chronic conditions requiring a medical board include (but are not limited to):

(1) Arthritis,

(2) Asthma,

(3) Diabetes,

(4) Gout,

(5) Heart disease,

(6) Hypertension,

(7) Peptic ulcer disease,

(8) Psychiatric conditions, and

(9) Allergic conditions requiring desensitization.

(b) Other potentially disabling or chronic conditions may be referred to a medical board by the adjudication authority with the concurrence of an appropriate naval clinical specialist and the commander of the regional medical command.

### § 732.22 Recovery of medical care payments.

Adjudication authorities must submit evidence of payment to the action JAG designee per chapter 24 of the Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN), in each instance of payment where a third party may be legally liable for causing the injury or disease treated, or when a Government claim is possible under workers compensation, no-fault insurance, or under medical payments insurance (all automobile accident cases).

(a) To assist in identifying possible third party liability cases, item 16 of each NAVMED 6320/10 must be completed whenever benefits are received in connection with a vehicle accident. Adjudication authorities should return for completion, as applicable, any claim received without item 16 completed.

(b) The front of a NAVJAG Form 5890/12 (Hospital and Medical Care, 3rd